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SUBJECT: FRENCH BUY SOVIET URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES

1. SOVIETS HAVE SOLD EDF, THE FRENCH NATIONAL UTILITY, 700,000 SWU'S OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES PER YEAR BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AND CEA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. THE FRENCH WILL PROVIDE THE NATURAL URANIUM. THIS IS THE SECOND PURCHASE BY THE FRENCH OF SOVIET ENRICHMENT SERVICES. THE FIRST CAME IN MARCH 1971, WHEN THE FRENCH CONTRACTED FOR ABOUT 75,000 SWU'S OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES FROM THE SOVIETS FOR THE FIRST CHARGE OF THE FESSENHEIM REACTOR, DUE TO GO INTO OPERATION IN THE SPRING OF 1976.

2. ECONOMIC DAILY "LES ECHOS" ADDS THAT FRANCE IS PRESENTLY BUILDING A STOCK OF ENRICHED URANIUM EQUAL TO ONE OR TWO YEARS' CONSUMPTION AND THAT THE FRENCH CONCLUDED THE PURCHASE IN MOSCOW LAST SEPTEMBER BUT KEPT IT SECRET TO AVOID DIPLOMATICALLY DISTURBING THE EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY.

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3. COMMENT: THREE FACTORS MAY EXPLAIN SIZE OF CONTRACT, WHICH WE ESTIMATE AT WELL OVER \$100 MILLION:
1) INCREASED DEMAND OWING TO ACCELERATED NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM; 2) DESIRE TO SECURE SUPPLIES WITH A LARGE STOCKPILE; 3) A LESS THAN TOTAL CONFIDENCE, PARTICULARLY ON THE PART OF EDF, THAT EURODIF WILL BEGIN PRODUCTION ON TIME.
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